INCREASING THE FLEET.

THE MASSACHUSETTS AND THE OREGON TO BE COMMISSIONED SOON.

TWO BATTLE-SHIPS WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO COPE WITH ANY ENEMY-SOME PARTICU-LARS ABOUT THEIR ARMAMENT AND EQUIPMENT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, April 11 (Special).-Before July 1, unless the unexpected happens, the country's com-missioned fleet will be augumented by the adchusetts and the Oregon. The Massachusetts is the output of the Cramps. The Oregon has been constructed by the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco. Both ships will have completed their trial trips in about a month, and for the first time since the rehabilitation of the Navy was began in earnest an opportunity will be offered of comparing on fair terms the work of the East and the West in the art of shipbuilding. The vessels are identical in features, and have been constructed on plans prepared in the Navy Department by the experts who designed the best of armored cruisers, the New-York; the fleetest of commerce destroyer the Minneapolis, and the strongest, most powerful of her class, the battle-ship Indiana.

The Massachusetts will have her trial the 18th this month. May 18 has been fixed as the date of her Western sister's sea test of speed, stability and strength. Speed is not the first consideration in a battle-ship, but counled with other elements of offence and defence it is of great importance in an engagement. The prediction is made at the Navy Department that the Oregon will make faster time on her trial than the Massachusetts. It is not meant by this that the Union Iron Works do better work than the Cramps, but the Oregon will start on her trip with a clean bottom. She will be docked just before going to sea. Naval officers count on her making a speed of sixteen knots, a splendid showing for a battle-ship. The Massachusetts was docked four months ago. She must have considerable marine growth on her bottom, and, as it is not to be scraped before going to sea, it is likely that she will fall behind her sister

But the most important fact to be taken into account in connection with the early trial of the big fighters is that before July 1 the country will have two more heavily armored, powerfully gunned vessels, able to cope with any two ships of the world, and a match for Spain's combined fleet. each ship are: Length on load water-line, 348 feet; extreme beam, 69 feet 3 inches; mean draught, 24 feet; normal displacement ready for sea, 10,288 tons; speed required by contract, 15 knots; normal coal supply, 400 tons; bunker capacity, 1,640 tons; maxium indicated horse-power (estimated), 9,000. The ships are built of steel. Each has a double bot-tom for the distance of 196 feet, extending for the length covered by the machinery and magazine all the vital portions being amply pro-Every feature has been provided to enable them to cope successfully with vessels of the heaviest armor and armament. The forward and after turrets for the 13-inch guns mark the extremities of obstructions upon the main decks. From these points forward and aft to the ends of the vessels respectively no further obstacles preing been taken to remove or turn down any erections which might obviate this end.

Between the turrets for the 13-inch guns there is a superstructure in which are placed the 6-inch guns; and above, or upon the deck erected thereon. are placed the 8-inch guns. On each ship a battery of 6-pounders is arranged along the top of the hammock berthing and bridge, and 1-pounders are placed forward and aft on the berth deck. The double-topped military mast is cone shaped, placed on top of the conning tower just abaft of the forward 13-inch gun turret Two 1-pounders are in the lower, and two Gatling guns in the upper tops. There are six powerful searchlights arranged along the sides to find the enemy at night and to guard against torpedo-boat attacks under cover of darkness. The armament of each ship is four 13-inch breech-loading rifles; eight 8-inch breech-loading-rifles; four 6-inch breech-loading rifles; twenty -pounder rapid-fire guns; six 1-pounder rapid-fire

ns; two Gatling guns, and six torpedo-tubes. The four 13-inch and the eight 8-inch guns are ounted in pairs within six barbette turrets, two remaining four upon the superstructure deck. lesser guns. The 6-inch guns have local protection in addition to splinter bulkheads, shields and automatic shutters. The turrets are all mounted in redoubts. The 13-inch guns are about eighteen feet above the water, and have an arc of fire sweeping across the deck and 45 degrees on both guns in each of these turrets. These have a con- only concerns in the United States capable verging fire directly opposite the middle of the within fifty feet in a straight line from the ves-bel's side in a broadside action. The 8-inch guns are about twenty-five feet above the water, and are high enough to fire above the 13-inch turret. having an arc of action of 104 degrees. The 6-inch guns have a train of 145 degrees.

The rapid-action guns are so arranged that a radiating fire of shot around the vessel will destroy any venturesome torpedo-boat or other light craft coming within range and be particularly useful in forming a destructive fire to prevent the enemy from working his larger guns that are only partially protected and whose effectiveness depends principally upon gaining the initiative. The side belt armor is 7 feet 5 inches wide, 3 feet above and 4 feet 6 inches below the water, extending along the sides for 148 feet, then taking a diagonal course inboard at an angle of 45 degrees for a longitudinal distance of twenty-for feet at each end, making a total broadside armor of 196 feet. The belt passes around the support of the armor for the 13-inch gun turrets. On top of this side armor is placed a steel deck 23 inches thick under which are the magazins and machinery.

Above this belt of citie plating is placed the casemate, with a backing of ten feet of coal. Forward and abaft the redoubts are 3-inch protective decks of steel, which turn down to 4½ feet below the water line. On top of these decks there is a belt 7 feet high by 8 feet wide filled with cellulose. The side belt, diagonal belt, redoubts and turrets have behind the armor a backing of wood and thek plates secured by heavy channel-bars. The armor inclosure; also by 12 feet of coal bunker back of the side armor and a reserve coal bunker back of the side armor and a reserve coal bunker back of the side armor and a reserve coal bunker back of the side armor and a reserve coal bunker back of the side armor deck. The engines and magazines are also protected by coal, besides which there are four thicknesses of skin for a shot to



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bunker capacity of 1,800 tons is provided. With
the bunkers full the vessel can steam at full speed,
say, sixteen knots, for ten days, or a radius of
action of about 4,000 knots; and going at ten-knot
speed this endurance is increased to sixty days, or
a radius of action of 15,000 knots.

The vessels are well cut up forward to facilitate
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the water at that point as possible. The rams are
just below the water line. Each ship's complement
consists of 460 officers and men. Good quarters
and accommodations have been provided and all
the latest sanitary improvements have been installed to insure efficiency and thoroughness in
lighting, ventilating and drainage.

THE ARMOR-PLATE PROBLEM.

NO SOLUTION REACHED BY THE SENATE NAVAL COMMITTEE.

LOWED TO ACCEPT EMPLOY-

MENT WITH ARMOR-MAKERS.

Washington, April 11.-For upward of two hours this afternoon the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs discussed the subject of armor-plate and kintimony which has been taken in secret during the last two months as the result of Senator Chandler's resolution directing the committee to investigate the subject of armor-plate, the prices paid by connection therewith of naval officers of the United

Just what is a fair price for the armor purchased by the Government, and for which it is now and has for many years been paying \$500 a ton, is a evidence before the committee, both of armor-plate manufacturers and naval officers conversant with the details of the business, has shown that it costs, labor and material included, about \$300 a ton to make the plate used on the ships of war of this country. This leaves a profit of \$200 a ton for the Carnegies and the Bethlehem Iron Company, the only concerns in the United States capable of supplying protective armor. The representatives of both these companies told the committee that if they could have steady contracts ranging over a period of, say, ten years, they could manufacture this plate at a reduced cost, possibly at \$100 a ton less than that now charged to the Government; but that unless there was some assurance of a steady demand for plates it would be impossible for them to cut the price.

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In considering the cost of the plate both firms took into consideration and brought prominently before the committee the immense amount of capital invested in the plate shops, which were utterly useless for any other purpose, and they declared that the periodical character of the work given to them compelled them to charge what had been paid recently. The Bethlehem people insisted that they had taken the contract for Russian armor-plate at a price much lower than that paid by this Government for the sole purpose of keeping the men skilled in that business constantly employed in their plate shops. It was asserted that this work was being done at practically the cost of manufacture, and that the profit was merely nominal. Continuing this line of argument, the representatives of this firm recently before the committee said that if they could have continuous work for the United States they would be enabled to reduce the cost. Under such conditions, they would not be under the necessity of devising some scheme through which their skilled artisans could be kept together. So it happens that the problem presents so many phases that its solution does not yet appear plain to the committee.

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It was decided to-day that the Secretary of the Navy should not be interfered with in the letting of the contracts for the armor for the Kearsarge and the Kentucky, the two new battle-ships recently authorized, but for which the armor contracts have not been let. The Secretary will be permitted to go ahead with his contracts, unmindful of this investigation, but the committee hopes to be able to reach a conclusion which will lessen the cost of the armor for the four new battle-ships authorized in the Naval bill passed by the House and now before the Senate.

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The subject of officers, either of the active or retired list of the Navy, accepting employment with corporations or firms contracting for work for the Government has also received the careful consideration of the committee, and the conclusion has about been reached that this policy should not be permitted, for the reason that it is believed to bring the Navy. Department and contractors into close intimacy, where, in fact, there should be antagonism of interests. It is not improbable that legislation will be suggested to prevent this in the future.

SECRETARY MORTON ACCUSED.

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ALLEGED "COLLUSION, FRAUD AND FALSE STATEMENTS" IN A SEED AWARD - THE SECRE-

TARY'S REPLY.

Washington, April 11.-The Northrup, Braslan, Goodwin Company, of Chicago, bidders to supply vegetable seeds to the Department of Agriculture, have preferred charges against Secretary Morto in connection with the award. The firm named bid \$84,000 for the contract, and offered to make a reduction of \$10,000 for the privilege of placing its name upon the seed packets. The contract was

riculture on Tuesday against the Secretary and the officers in his Department, alleging "collusion, fraud

To these charges Secretary Morton has not mad a specific answer. The Chicago people say they take exception to the statements alleged to have been made by the Secretary in connection with the awarding of the contract, but that they have no complaint to make that the contract was given another firm if the terms were better or more advantageous to the Government. They say they will endeavor to have the matter investigated by Congress if necessary, and that they have retained counsel to proceed against Secretary Morton for making statements which they deem libellous.

In referring to the charges to-day Secretary Mor-ton said: "We shall be only too glad to have the ton said: we shall be only too glad to have the fullest investigation possible of this matter. If it is desired, it may be investigated here or in Congress or anywhere else. If necessary, articles of impeachment should be drawn up and the matter test d to the end. The facts in the matter, briefly stated, we that the Department last year bought more seed of this firm than of any other. Of the grand total of seed bought by the Department last year, to the value of \$45,500, we bought of the

Northrup, Braslan, Goodwin Company seed to the value of \$29.683. If we had bought the seed this spring of the Northrup, Breslan, Goodwin Company, under precisely the same contract that we bought of Landreth, and their seed under this contract proved no better than that they sold us last year, their contract price for it would be \$48,000, instead of \$64,000, the amount which they bid."

TO TAX FILLED CHEESE.

THE HOUSE PASSES THE BILL BY A BIG MAJORITY.

RESPONSE TO THE DEMAND OF FARMERS AND

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, April 11.—The House of Representatives to-day responded to the unanimous and emphatic demand of the farmers and dairy-men of the country by passing the bill to tax the manufacture of filled cheese and tax and regu-late the sale of the same. Not only the dairymen and farmers, but dealers in and consumers of pure theese were interested in favor of the measure which received an overwhelming majority after a full and thorough discussion. The opponents of the bill, of course, contended that the manufacture of 'cheese" from skim milk and lard oil is a legitimate industry, and that the product is a cheap and healthful article of food. The advocates of the measure did not deny that the industry is a legiti-mate one, and not all of them denied that the them did successfully contend that consumers are constantly defrauded by having palmed off upon them for genuine cheese a substitute which is not cheese and for which they are required to pay the same price that the genuine article commands.

It was also shown beyond the power of contradiction that the substitute has found its way into the five years under the false names and brands to an extent which has seriously been curtailed, and which market under a false name or brand. In order to do that it was necessary to impose a tax an

WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES.

CIVIL SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT

PRINTING OFFICE.

THE WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS OPENED TO THE CHILDREN - MEASLES PATIENTS DOING

Washington, April 11.-The question of the enforcement of the Civil Service law in the Government Printing Office was the subject of an inquiry begun to-day by the Senate Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment. It had its origin in the complaint of two compositors, Theodore Hodes and F. E. Buck-land, on the part of themselves and thirty-four others, that when the printing office came under the Civil Service laws, on August 1 last, by order of the President, they were not included in the classified service, as they said they ought to have been, but were dropped a few weeks afterward. After Hodes and Buckland had made their statements and arguments to the committee, Mr. Benedict, the Public Printer, was heard. His explanation of the matter was that garded by him as coming within the classified service, while those thirty-six compositors and many other persons who were on the payrolls on August 1 were merely temporary employes, and were not borne on the regular roll of the office. He disarowed all purpose of acting unfairly or in disregard of Civil Service rules, and asserted that he was willing to reappoint all of the men for whom he had work if they had submitted to a Civil Service examination, and if their names were furnished to him in the Commission's list. Two of the Civil Service Commissioners, Messrs, Proctor and Harlow, also made statements, from which it appeared that the question was only one of interpretation, not of wildled the commissioners asserted that if they could have had a personal interview with Mr. Benedict the matter could have been arranged in ten minutes. Mr. Proctor added that, with the exception of this little episode, the Public Printer was strictly enforcing the Civil Service law. garded by him as coming within the classified ser

On Easter Monday the President declined to allow the children of Washington to have their annual holiday gambol on the White House lawn because of the wet condition of the grounds. He promised, however, to open the grounds to-day if the weather should be fine, and the promise was kept, despite morning. Many children took advantage of the op-portunity, but not in such great numbers as might have been expected had the weather been propitious, and several hundred of them enjoyed themselves to the utmost skipping rope, rolling eggs and indug-ing in other pastimes. The clouds redeemed their threat of tain about 1 o'clock, and a steady, but light, sprinkling drove the youngsters to shelter. The President saw the sport from the window of his office.

The dispatch-boat Dolphin reached Norfolk this morning from Key West. She has been engaged in

CONTINENTAL

MATCHES.

BEST AND CHEAPEST.

Hilton, Houghes Ho.

TO BE WELL DRESSED, MADAME.

need not mean to be extravagantly dressed. It used to, but our way of making the whole world tributary to the store has whittled down expenses and high charges until the modest housewife of to-day can command elegancies that queens could not reach a few generations ago.

FUR STORAGE.

Shall we keep your Furs through the Summer safe from moths or hurt of any kind? A postal card request is enough.

No better time to have the Furs

Count on finding anything the market affords at less than retail market prices.

BLACK DRESS GOODS. Good judges say our stock of Black Dress Goods is by far the finest we have shown.

Canvas Cloth, 50c, 75c, \$1 to \$1.75 yd.

English Worsted Storm Serge, 50c yd. English Mohair Sicilian, 50c yd. Mohair Florentine, \$1.25 yd. Brocade Mohairs, choice designs, 58c. 45-in. India Twills, 38c yd. 45-in. Surah Serge, 50c yd. Satin-faced Lizard Cloth, 75c yd.

Shotted cord and Crepon Jacquards, 20 styles, \$1 yd. COLORED DRESS GOODS.

48-in. Canvas Novelty, open mesh ground, fine crinkly stripe, \$3 yd.
48-in. Suiting Royal, two-toned illuminated effect, \$2 vd.

48-in Silk and Mohair Epingle Novelty, chameleon

effect, \$2.25 yd. 48-in. Silk and Mohair Etamine, stripes and checks,

\$2 yd.
46-in. Canvas Suiting, open mesh, navy, tan, brown, gray and the new green. \$1.75 yd.
46-in. Covert Suiting, \$1.35 yd.
40-in. Florentine Mohair, \$1.25 yd.
50-in. Grenat Cloth, \$1 yd.
Mohair and Wool Brocades, \$1.25 to \$1.75 yd.
French and English Crepons, \$1.25 to \$2 yd.
50-in. Cheviots, brocade effects, \$1 yd.

WHITE GOODS AND GRASS LINENS

The success of this department is sensational. It is because you find the scarcest goods very plentiful.

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Best sorts for what common stuff usually costs.

Pure Irish Grass Linen, 25c yd. Pure Grass Linen, Irish, the silky, grenadine-like quality, 35c yd. The richest that we have ever had on our counters is 50c yd. These are all Irish specialties not to be confounded with the cheap Swiss sorts.

Grass Linen. All pure Linen in fancy checks. One case of novelties, 25c yd. Beautiful designs for children's dresses and for women's blouses.

White plaid Dress Goods. Should have been 20c yd. We say 10c on Monday just to give you something special.

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Fine striped Dimities and Lawns. Exquisite makes. Should have been 25c; we say 12c.

Two more cases of the 80 in, India Linen. That wonderful sort which we can never get enough of. On sale on Monday at 10:30 at 10c yd. They should be 20c. Regular 25c quality of 30 in. India Linen, 15c yd.

St. Gall dotted Swiss, 30 in. Cheaper than the plain. 12c yd. Extra fine quality dotted Swisses.

plain-12c vd. Extra fine quality dotted Swisses, 25c vd. You can find it in other stores at 50c. By the last French steamer, 2 cases finest quality French Organdies. We never had them as rich as these. 60c to \$1.50 yd. Very scarce.

HOSIERY-UNDERWEAR

Women's black cashmere Tights, ankle length, \$1.50. Women's Swiss ribbed Vests, low neck, pink, salmon, lavender and white, silk stripes and trim-

Women's French balbriggan Vests and Drawers, "C. G." brand, assortment broken, 35c, 3 for \$1;

Manufacturer's sample of women's fine silk Hose, black and colors, \$1.50; were \$2.50. lisle thread Stockings, lace ankles, 50c;

Children's fine ribbed black cotton Stockings, double knees, 25c, the 40c kind. Men's Bicycle Hose, fancy and plain, 59c to \$3.50 footless, 50c and \$1.

We have an outlet for enormous quantities. On onday, special lots of Women's Embroidered and

Indian linen Handkerchiefs, finely embroidered, richest patterns, have been 30c. Some a little mussed, therefore 19c. rish linen Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered, some extra fine mull, embroidered and scalloped, some a little mussed by handling. Styles that have been 50c, on Monday 25c each.

Finest quality, all pure linen Handkerchiefs, scalloped and embroidered, styles that have been \$1. Now 50c. Men's extra quality, pure linen, hemstitched, very large, usual 35c sort. Another great sale at 19c

Women's pure linen, hemstitched, the regular 20c sort. Another case just from Ireland, 10c each. Women's pure linen, hand embroidered initials, all open worked and very finely done, 15c. If laun-

dered would be 25c each. MEN'S FURNISHINGS

Men's Elderdown Bath Robes, \$4; imported terry cloth Bath Robes, with hood, \$4 to \$13.50; Slippers to match, \$1.25 pair.

Men's colored De Joinville Scarfs, \$6c; were \$1.

Men's Spring Neckwear—Tecks, Four-in-Hands, String Ties and Band Bows, 25c; regularly 50c.

Men's Pique Walking Gloves, all the newest shades, \$1.000.

Men's Dress Shirts, white bodies and colored bosoms,

one pair reversible cuffs, \$1.

Boys' extra fine colored percale Dress Shirts, with two collars and one pair cuffs, \$1.50.

survey work along the Central American and Mexican coast.

No new cases of measles have been developed

among the Cleveland and Thurber families. Ruth and Esther Cleveland and all of Mr. Thurber's children are doing well. Ex-Postmaster-General Bissell arrived in Wash-

ington to-day, and visited his old associates about the Department. When he called on Postmaster-General Wilson he found Senator Vilas, of Wis-consin, another ex-Postmaster-General, there. The three chatted pleasantly for some time. Acting Secretary Reynolds, of the Interior Department, has approved a lease executed by the

Osage Indians in Oklahoma Territory granting to Edward W. Foster permission to prospect for oil and gas on the reservation lands. Under the terms of the lease the Indians are to receive 10 per cent of the proceeds of any oil or gas found on the reservation. Confirmation of the United Press dispatch from

New-London, Conn., that the ram Katahdin had trial trip was received at the Navy Department to-day in the official report of the trial board. According to the report the highest speed developed was 14.15 knots, maintained for one hour under forced draught. The weather conditions were unfavorable, however, and the little vessel steered somewhat widly, which may account for her slowness. Everything worked well, and the members of the board are unanimous in saying that the Katahdin is well-built throughout.

The Treasury gold reserve at the close of business to-day stood at \$127,736,907. The withdrawals were \$273,400. The House Committee on Claims to-day author-

ized Representative Brumm to report favorably to the House the bill making provision for an appro-priation of \$2,078,196 for the payment of the French spollation claims. RECALLING DAYS OF '61.

THE FIRST DEFENDERS OF PENNSYLVANIA TO

Washington, April 11 (Special) .- The survivors of the First Defenders of Pennsylvania will celebrate in this city on Saturday, April 18, the thirty-fifth anniversary of their arrival in Washington in response to President Lincoln's call for troops. Their sian is to go over the same route they took in 180.

TRIMMED MILLINERY

Hats from Paris and London-the newest and natti-Hats from our own workrooms that you'll say combine the picturesqueness and spirit of the foreign models with Americanized elegance. And modest

Women's Trimmed Hats, \$5, \$7.50, \$9, \$11, \$12 and English cloth and straw Bicycle Hats, \$1.25 and up-

Untrimmed Straw Hats, plain and fancy, including Short Back Sailors, 28c, 38c, 58c, 63c to \$3. Usu-

ally at least 25 per cent. more. FLOWERS—As if Nature made them. Purple silk Poppies, 3 in bunch, 51. Satin Violets, 6 doz. in bunch, 28c.

Daisies, silk wire stems, 75:. Silk Poppies, large, 24c; usually 75c. Fine Bluets, 48c bunch. Open Rose Buds, 2 doz. in bunch, 45c. Complete line of all kinds fine imported Flowers, Or-naments, Straw Braids, Placques, etc.

PARASOL NOVELTY Fine Japanese silk in the true grass linen color. They are exclusively with us. Nowhere but here. The sticks, handles, frames, all to match. On Monday at 11 a. m., \$1. Nothing more stylish and pretty. Nothing more dressy even at \$5.

WOMEN'S CAPES

More than a hundled styles, \$2 to \$2.50. Marvels of beauty at trifling prices.

Pretty Capes of bengaline silk, double ruffle of fine lace and India silk ribbon and lace ruche at neck,

A table full of extra values in Capes, cloth, velvet, etc., \$5 to \$12; would be cheap at \$7.50 to \$16.00. Fine black serge Jackets, lined with silk, sleeves capped with silk, ripple back and full sleeves, \$12; you'd pay \$16.50 in most places.

We are proving every day that choicest groceries can be sold at the prices common goods usually bring. Cross & Blackwell's white Onions, Girkins, Chow Chow, mixed Pickles, 19c bottle. Southwell & Co.'s Jams—Orange Marmalade, and all

flivors, 14c jar.

COFFEE—Pedang Java, Longberry Mocha roasted by new process in the bean, 1 lb carton, 29c; granulated or pulverized tight tins, 1 lb. 32c.

SPICES—Waldorf brand. From cultivated spices in

14, 15 and 1 lb. tins.

Black pepper, 6-10-18c.

Allspice, 6-11-21c.

Cayenne, cinnamon, cloves, ginger and mustard,
7-13-32c.

Nutring and mace, 20 - 39 - 70c.

White pepper, 10 - 18 - 34c.

Solid hand packed Jersey Tomatoes, our own label,

7c can. Finest Maine Corn, packer's label, 8r. Finest Maine Corn, packer's label, 8r.

Finest Maine Corn, packer's label, 62:
Finest N. Y. State Refugee Beans, 7c.
California Bartletts, heavy Syrup, 14c.
French Peas, medium, 12c; extra fine 20c can.
Finest N. Y. State Apples, gal. cans, 19c.
Finest L. I. Tomatoes, gal. cans, 20c.
Olive Oil. Our own importation. Nothing finer or more delicately flavored—Quarts, 60c; pts., 32c; 14c ets. 22c.

Teas, rich, pure and fragrant, our own brand.
Oolong, Mixed, English Breakfast, 1 lb. cartons,
30c; Young Hyson, Gunpowder, Japan, Mixed,
Oolong and English Breakfast, 40c; very finest
Teas, all kinds, 50c.

SPANGLED TRIMMINGS

Colored beaded and spangled Trimmings in the most beautiful jardiniere and pompadour combinations. Intended for the finest garments. On Monday to make you talk and buy, at 10.80 A. M., just 100 pieces at 12, yd. A magnificent trimming for any dress, and the colors to form the prettiest combi-

ome at half prices, not a piece but is far below market All of highest grade and in perfect condition.

Mahogany Bedroom Suits, were \$90, \$100, \$125, \$180, \$210, \$225, now \$45, \$50 \$75, \$100, \$125, \$135.

rlor Suits, in silk damask and tapestry, five pieces, were \$90 to \$150, now \$60 to \$100.

Three-piece mahogany-finish Suits, were \$25 and \$40, now \$20 and \$30. \$24 mahogany Desks at \$14.
Fancy Arm Chairs, \$10.85 to \$25—about half.
Great variety of old Hickory Furniture for piazza or lawn. We are sole agents for New York.
Estimates given on furnishing hotels, club houses, cot-

tages, offices and apartments.

WOMEN'S SHIRT WAISTS "Cheap" and mean is dear, but we see that style is ht no matter what the price.

Chintz Shirt Waists, stripes and figures, laundered collars and cuffs, 50: Percale Shirt Waists, pretty pink, blue and linon colored effects. 75c. Finer quality percale, pretty checked effects, \$1. Percale Shirt Waists, Peisian effects, \$1.25 and \$1.75. Fine percale Shirt Waists, detached collars, \$1.50.

Finer grades, up to \$3.50. MEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS

An odd lot made for the highest class of exclusive dealers. The manufacturer had to sell them. They will go at half and quarter original prices. All 28 in, and mounted with the finest and most artistic handles. Real value of some is \$25. On Monday at \$5. Just 175 of them. Each one is different.

BABY CARRIAGES

The toddler can choose with eyes shut and not go wrong. It's simply a question of what you care to pay for style. All sorts are here \$6.50 to—wherever you care to go. Easy, strong, sightly carriages for \$6.50.

MILITARY AND NAVAL CADETS.

WEST POINT AND ANNAPOLIS. Washington, April 11 (Special).-Army and Navy

officials are giving attention to the prospects for this

year's graduating classes at West Point and the

Naval Academy. The naval cadets will have the best of it this season. Not infrequently there are

surplus midshipmen who have to return to civil life because there are too few vacancies. The out-

look for June 30 is bright, however, and all members

of the class who complete their six courses on that

date will probably receive commissions. The class of '96 includes twenty-six members of the line and

twelve of the engineer division, or a total of thirty-eight. Graduates who enter the Marine Corps come

from the line division, and no special classifications are made of them by the Navy Department. There

are now twenty vacancles in the line of the Navy and twenty-five in the Engineer Corps. No vacan-

cles exist in the Marine Corps, but under the law

one cadet must be assigned to the corps annually. Three additional line vacancies are in sight, owing

to the approaching retirement of Lieutenants Sea-bury, Burnett and H. R. Tyler. Lieutenant Seabury

has been recommended for transfer from the active list, and the other two officers named will soon ap-

pear before retifing boards. Thus only three more

SSIGNMENTS AWAITING THE GRADUATES OF

CAPE LACE COLLARS

Most stylish creation for this season. A silk cond Venetian effect, Cape Collars. Covers the entire bust. Silk lace with all the effect of the most costly sort. 200 just from Paris. They have never been on any counter in the United States. Price \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to-morrow. You will be astonished to find them

under \$5.

French lace Collars. The square shapes with full ruffled lace edges. Ten sorts. \$1.

25 sorts of new Pompadour and Antoinette Collars at \$2.90, \$3.90, \$5. It is acknowledged that no one else has the assortment of rich new things in this most popular waist trimming.

RIBBON OCCASION

We have ended the entire stocks of several manufact

urers and importers, taking all they had, and at price you would call ridiculous. Every good sort of Ribbon, All Silk and only the richest. Black and colors. Seven

Special at 11 A. M.—216 pieces of all pure silk, wide jet black satin Ribbon, usually 25c. We say the One piece to a customer. At 25c, best quality, extra heavy, jet black, double

satin Ribbons, usually 50c. At 25c, taffeta Ribbons, over 4 in wide, black and colors, usually 50c.

At 25c, fancy checked Ribbons, fancy striped Ribbons. Have been 50c.

At 25c, Dresden Ribbons, Persian warp printed Rib-

bons, some with satin stripes, some that have been up to \$1. At 25c, 5 m. jet black satin Ribbons that have b

At 50c, Finest qualities of Persian warp printed Silk Ribbons, to get rid of odd lengths and prices.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

We've been through the stock and marked some things so ridiculously low that you'll buy on sight.
Good heavy muslin Gowns, mother hubbard yoke of 36 fine spaced pleats, ribbon at neck, 69.

Extra fine and heavy muslin Gowns, mother hubtard yoke of 24 fine spaced pleats, collar, cuffs and yoke with feather beading, ribbon at neck, 65.

Good heavy muslin Gowns, yoke of 40 pleats, pleated back, neck, yoke and sleeves with neat embroidery, \$1.15.

Gown of good muslin, pointed yoke of 108 fm pleats, ruitle of embroidery around yoke and over shoulders, neck and sleeves trimmed with fine em-broidery, \$1.50. And up to the finest French goods

Good fine muslin Drawers, with hem, 8 spaced pleats with yoke and band, 30c.

Good strong muslin Drawers, with neat Hamburg ruffle and pleats, 49c. Fine muslin Drawers, pretty Hamburg ruffle and pleats, 50c.

Good strong muslin Drawers, wide handsome ruffle of embroidery, 75c. And up to finest French nain-sooks at \$6.50.

Good strong heavy muslin Skirts, pleated cambric ruffle and pleats above, yoke band, 50;; Good strong heavy muslin Skirts, neat Hamburg ruffle, 75c.

Good strong heavy muslin Skirts, wide ruffle of English embroidery, \$1.25.

And up to the finest French hand-made Skirts at \$30.

At 2.30 P. M. -200 good heavy muslin Drawers, wide hem and 4 pleats, byoke band, 18c. Three pieces and and 14 to any house. hem and 4 picats, yoke band, 16c. Three picts only sold to one buyer.

At 3 P. M.—200 good heavy muslin Gowns, some have surplice neck, others have large sailor collar, both trimmed with neat embroidery, some have ribbon at neck, 50c and 55c, the 75c and 81 kinds.

At 3:30 P. M.—200 good muslin Drawers, pleated and trimmed with ruffle of neat wide embroid-

HOUSE FURNISHINGS of every sort. The things you know of and the things

of every sort. The things you know of and the thing you would be glad to know.

Brass and copper Tea Kettle and Stands, \$1.75 to \$25. Nickel and copper Chaing Dishes, with hot water pan and lamp complete, \$2.25 to \$5.50.

French, Russian, German and Vienna Coffee Machines, copper, brass, nickel and bronze, \$2.25 to \$18.50.

French Folding Fire Screens, 4 and 5 folds, \$1.40 to \$35.

CHINAWARE TOO French China Dinner Sets, \$27.50 to \$122.50.

Doulton, Wedgwood, Royal Worcester and Royal Bavarian Dinner Sets, \$25 to \$325. French China Fish Sets, \$14.75 to \$77.50. French China Game Sets, \$13.50 to \$45. Finglish decorated Toilet Sets, extra fine, gold edge, 12 pieces - 58 50.

CARPETS

The lowest prices we ever knew on fresh Spring pas-

100 rolls \$1.50 Axminsters at 95c. 200 rolls 10-wire Tapestry Brussels, new patterns, 75c kind at 45c. 50 rolls best quality all-wool Ingrains, 65c kind, at 45c.

100 rolls heavy China Matting, \$6 quality at \$4 the

roll of 40 vds. GRASS LINEN LACES

HOUSEKSEPING LINENS

Nowhere as here. Nowhere as cheap, as beautiful, as stylish. Just the right shade Edges and losertings. 25c, 35c, 45c, 58c. The most stylish

Bleached Table Damask, \$1.60, \$2, \$2.33. Napkins Cream Damask, 64 in., 39:. Silver bleached Damask, 50c. Irish Damask, 68 in., 60c yd; good value at 75c. Knotted tringe huck Towels, 22c each.

Hemstitched damask Towels, 20c each. Hemstitched huck Towels, 18, 20, 25, 30c each

The members of the First Defenders' Association Engineer Corps will be short-handed. The graduating class has only twelve members of the engineer branch, while there are to-day twenty-five vacancies comprise five companies—the Logan Guards, of Lewiston; Ringgold Light Artillery, of Reading; Allen Rifles, of Allentown, and the National Light Infantry and Washington Artillerists, of Pottsville. On this occasion these old survivors will assemble in Harrisburg as they did in '61, on Wednesday, April 15. In the evening the association will attend a reception given by Governor and Mrs. Hasttend a reception given by Governor and Mrs. Hastings. The following day they will proceed to Baltimore by special train. The City Councils of Baltimore have appropriated a sum of money to make their stay in Baltimore pleasanter than it was in 1861. On the evening of April 16 the Defenders will arrive in Washington, when they will be received by the local military and G. A. R. posts. The reunion here will last two days.

ating class has only twelve members of the engineer branch, while there are to-day twenty-five vacancies in the junior grade. Engineer-in-Chier Meiville saye that his corps is greatly in need of more officers, and he favors the proposition that every year a certain number of bright young graduates of scientific schools of high standing which have given attention to engineering studies should be commissioned. Thus far Congress has not agreed to sud a modification of the law.

The outlook for this year's class at West Point much less satisfactory. In fact, an unusual condition exists. Graduates of the Military Academy are not dropped if there are no vacancies in the line of the Army and the engineers on June 30. Instead, the West Pointers are made what is called additional second lieutenants, and as such they remain until enough vacancies in the several regiments of artillery, infantry and cavalry occur to provide places for them. The cadets standing highest in their class are appointed in the Engineer Corps, unless they otherwise elect. This year's class has seventy-three members. For them there are to-day only four vacancies, two in the infantry and two in the cavalry. Prospectively there are to-day only four vacancies, two in the infantry five more vacancies to occur within the next month, and before June 30 there will likely be about fifteen remoted and cort in the "additionals." Not in recent years have so many West Pointers had to await assignments. One bad feature of the case is that there will be little likelihood of deserving non-commissioned officers and privates receiving commissions during the present year. Another point is that there will be little likelihood of deserving non-commissioned officers and privates receiving commissions during the present year. Another point is that there will be little likelihood of the case is that there will be little likelihood of the case is that there will be little likelihood of the case is that there will be little likelihood of the case is that there will be litt

IOWA LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS. Des Moines, Iowa, April 11.-The Iowa Legislature adjourned to-day. In response to an appeal from a committee of members, Governor Drake this morning announced he would call an extra session to codify the laws on the second Tuesday in next January.

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medicine chest and every traveller's grip. They are invaluable when the stomach

vacancies are necessary to provide for the twenty-

of older line officers who are physically unfit for duty, and if other casualities do not occur before June 20 officers who are suffering from disabilities which appear to be permanent will be ordered be-fore medical boards of examination.

Unless Congress gasses a law authorising the ap-